

July 30, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) invites the public to comment on a proposal to purchase a perpetual conservation easement on the 800 acres of Dugas Farms located approximately 2 miles south of Ulm, along the Missouri River. The purpose of the proposed easement is to protect significant conservation values that exist on the Ranch, which include farm and ranch lands, native riparian wildlife habitats, scenic open space, historic sites and recreational opportunities.

A Socio-Economic Report and Management Plan have also been provided for your review. Enclosed are the Dugas Farm Draft Management Plan, and Socio-Economic Assessment. Public comment is welcome and will be received through September 10, 2010. If you have questions, need additional copies of the draft EA or choose to provide written comments, please contact us at the following address:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Attn: Dugas Farms CE 4600 Giant Springs Road Great Falls, MT 59404

Or electronic comments to: fwprg42@mt.gov

Attn: Dugas Farms CE

A public hearing on this proposed easement will be held at the Ulm School, August 25th at 7:00 pm.

Thank you for your interest,

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